

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Kristian Thomas Andersen was born on February 4, 1904, to Soren and Anna Marie Andersen, one of four children, in Aberdeen, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Kristian began his career as a teacher in rural North Dakota, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942, was discharged in 1945, and returned to Aberdeen. In 1947, he entered the Salvation Army Seminary in Chicago, Illinois; and,

*Whereas*, Major Andersen married Major Tina Foubiser in 1948, and to this union one daughter, Karen, was born; and,

*Whereas*, In each appointment, Major Andersen was not only in charge of the pastoral care of the soldiers but also refurbishing the Salvation Army properties, and his special care for the children was realized in exploding Sunday School attendance, Boys Clubs or Youth Centers. After his retirement, he served for 2 years as Director of Camp Wonderland in Wisconsin, and he worked tirelessly with the Salvation Army Men's Social Program; and,

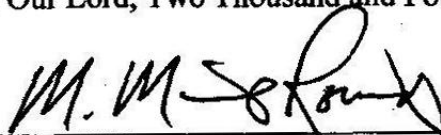
*Whereas*, Major Andersen will observe his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

